Overview and Evidence on Pillars of the U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence

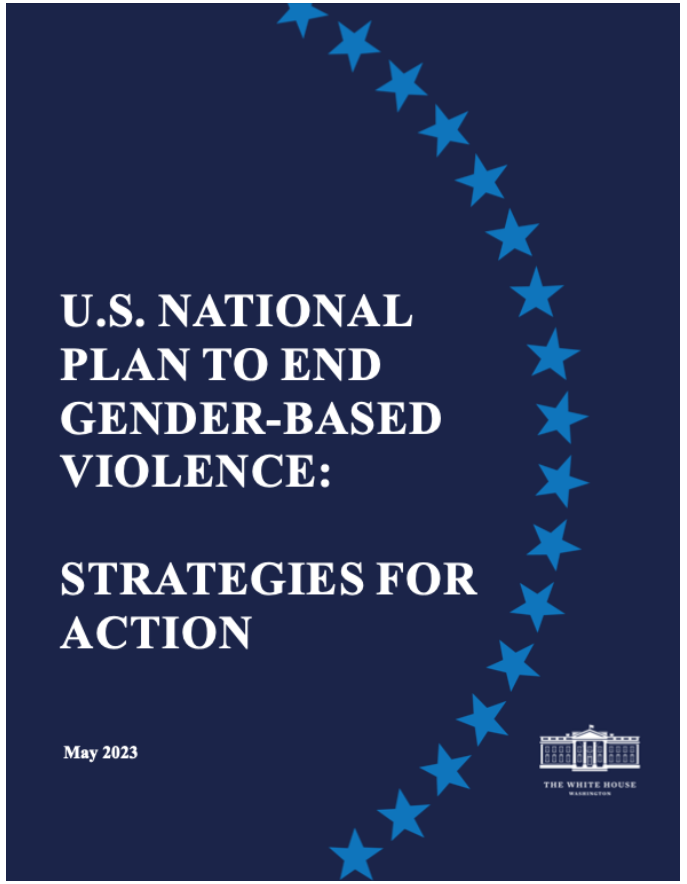
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The US National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence

- Released in 2023
- Informed by a comprehensive, national process that engaged survivors, advocates, and other stakeholders.
- 7 key priority areas align with evidence-based practices



Part I: Guiding Principles

1: Center the Voices of Survivors

2: Recognize GBV as a Form of Gender Discrimination

3: Adopt an Intersectional Approach

4: Embrace a Rights-Based Approach

Part I: Guiding Principles (continued)

5: Address GBV Through a Public Health, Public Safety, and Life Course Lens

6: Promote Local Leadership and Coordination Across Sectors

7: Ground Policies and Programs in Evidence and Research

Part II: 7 Key Pillars of the US National Plan

1. Prevention
2. Support, Health, Safety and Well-Being
3. Economic Security & Housing Stability
4. Online Safety
5. Legal and Justice Systems
6. Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response
7. Research and Data

Evidence Overview by Pillar

Priority I: Prevention

Prevention is possible!

Many prevention approaches are effective, including:

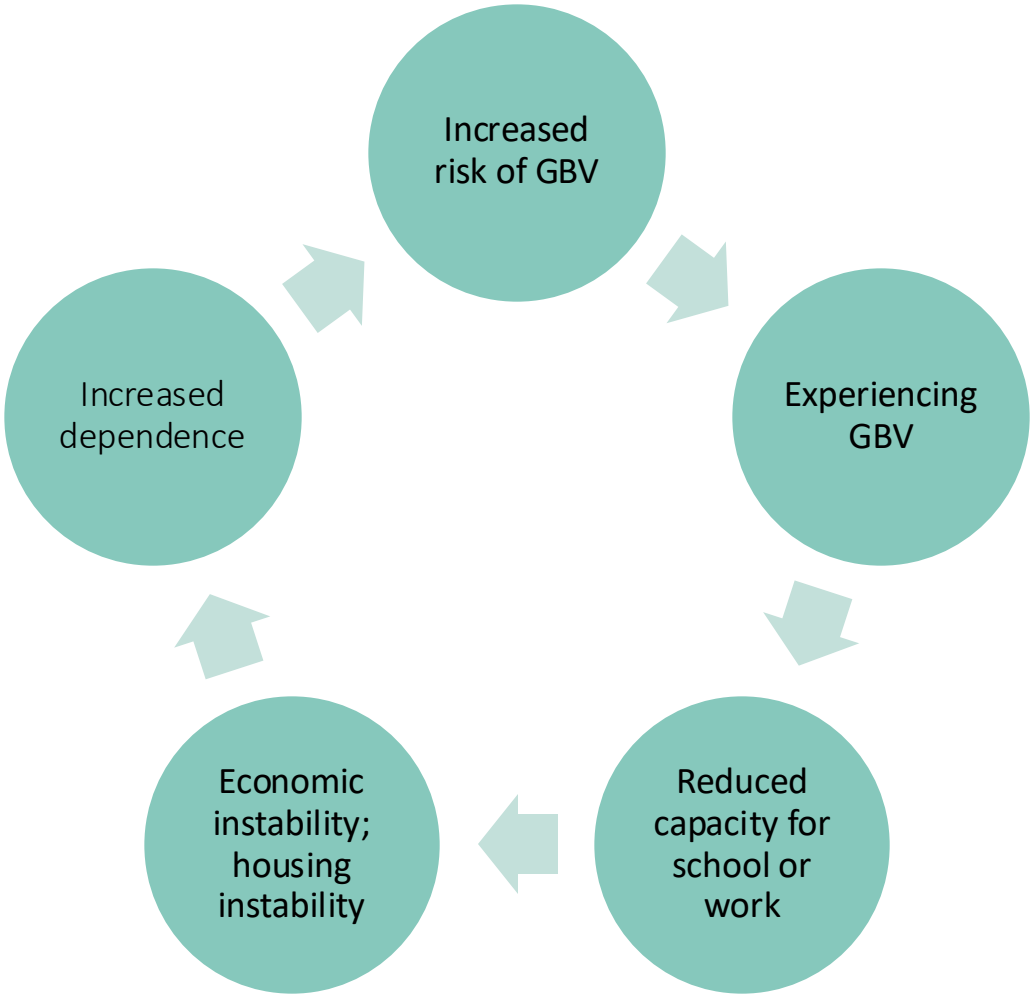
- Bystander intervention programs
- Educational programming for men and boys
- Healthy relationships promotion
- Enhancing women's economic empowerment and stability
- Support services for survivors and perpetrators

Priority II: Support, healing, safety, and well-being

Survivor supports work. They mitigate negative impacts of GBV on survivors and their communities.

- Crisis hotlines and ongoing advocacy
- Mental health counseling
- Legal aid
- Emergency shelter
- Supportive housing
- Substance use treatment
- Forensic exams and STI/HIV prevention

Priority III: Economic Security and Housing Stability



Economic and housing supports are effective.

They reduce housing instability and increase safety among IPV survivors.

Priority IV: Online Safety

- Today's violence includes technology-facilitated harm.
- Estimates vary widely:
- ~ 28% of women have experienced technology-facilitated sexual violence in their lifetimes.
- 73% of U.S. college students in have experienced technology-facilitated GBV (TFGBV) **by a current or former partner**.

Technology-Facilitated GBV is a rapidly evolving form of harm. Onward work is needed to identify tactics, measure prevalence and impact, and develop effective prevention and response.

Priority V: Legal and Justice Systems

- GBV remains among the most underreported crimes.
- In 2024, only 24% of all rapes/sexual assaults and 61% of all IPV incidents were reported to police.
- Strengthening the legal and justice systems further requires an approach that:
  - is survivor-centered
  - is trauma-informed
  - promotes cooperation between legal and justice systems and other GBV support systems.

Priority VI: Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response

Emergencies and natural disasters can increase GBV.
Preparedness and crisis response can plan accordingly to mitigate impact.

Emergency or crisis	GBV-related impact(s)
Grand Forks Flood (N Dakota, 1997)	• Increase in physical IPV prevalence
Hurricane Katrina (Louisiana, 2005)	• Increase in emotional IPV • Increase in physical IPV
COVID-19 pandemic (Global, 2020-2022)	• Increase in IPV severity • Increased in new cases of IPV in relationships that previously had no abuse

Priority VII: Research and Data

Research and data provide a foundation to understand GBV:

- prevalence
- impact
- risk factors
- protective factors
- promising strategies for prevention and response

Selected data sources
National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) ★
National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)
Crime Data/ Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)
National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)
Service Delivery Counts
Housing Inventory Counts/Point-in-Time Counts (HIC/PIT)

Carrying the Work Forward

Takeaways

What are 3 things you learned in today's discussion?

How can you share what you have learned with at least 3 other people?

What support do you need to integrate these learnings into your local community?

How can your community take action?

